

REMARKS

Claims 6 and 23-33 are currently pending in the present application by virtue of this amendment. Claims 1-5 and 7-22 have been canceled by this or by preceding amendments without disclaimer or prejudice. Claims 31-33 have been added. No new matter has been added by virtue of this amendment. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Rejection of claims 2-4, 23, and 28 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

The Office Action rejected claims 2-4, 23, and 28 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as failing to “conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention.” The applicant respectfully traverses the rejection, but has amended claims to address the concerns.

Regarding claim 2, the Office Action rejected the claim as “various operating modes” was unclear. Moreover, the recitations of “the pulse width” and “the duty ratio signal” lacked antecedent basis. Lastly, the Office Action rejected the claim as the recitations of LCD and CPU were not clear. The applicant has canceled claim 2 rendering the above rejection moot.

Regarding claim 3, the Office Action indicated the recitations of “the operating voltage”, “the step-up stage”, “the switching-off stage”, and the step-down stage” lacked antecedent basis. Claim 3 has been canceled rendering the above rejection moot.

Regarding claim 4, the Office Action indicated the recitations of “the user” and “the operating voltage” lacked antecedent basis.

Regarding claim 23, the Office Action indicated the term FET was not clear. Claim 23 has been amended replacing FET with field effect transistor.

Regarding claim 28, the Office Action indicated the recitation of “the vibrating plate” lacked antecedent basis. Claim 28 has been amended to recite – a vibrating plate – to correct this obvious typographical error.

As can be appreciated, amended claim 6 includes the recitations of previously presented claim 2. Amended claim 6 clarifies that the liquid crystal display displayer is for indicating a mode of operation of the portable skin care device. Further claim 6 has been amended to reite “a pulse width” and “a duty ratio signal” to address the antecedent basis issues by correcting an obvious typographical error. Finally, the recitations of LCD and CPU have been replaced with – liquid crystal display (LCD) – and – central processing unit (CPI) – respectively to address the clarity issues.

It is respectfully suggested that claims 6 and 23-33 satisfy all the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the claims is respectfully

requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(e) and 103(a)

The Office Action rejected claims 2-6 and 23-26, and 29-30 under one of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(e) and 103(a) as being anticipated or unpatentable over United States Patent Number 6,443,915 issued to Hwang taken alone. The Office Action also indicated that claims 27 and 28 contained allowable subject matter.

The applicant respectfully thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter. In response, the applicant has amended claim 6 to include the subject matter the Examiner indicated was allowable in claim 27. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that claim 6 as amended is currently in condition for allowance. Moreover, the claim 27 has been amended into independent format including all the recitations of the claims from which claim 27 depended. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that claim 27 is currently in condition for allowance.

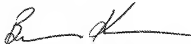
Claims 23-26 and 28-33 depend either directly or indirectly from now allowable claim 6. Thus, claims 23-26 and 28-33 are allowable at least by virtue of the dependency.

Conclusion

In light of the amendments and remarks provided herein, applicant respectfully requests the issuance of a Notice of Allowance. If any issues remain to be resolved prior to the granting of this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney for the applicant at the telephone number listed below.

No fees are believed due for entry of the amendment and remarks, but the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the payment of the required fee(s) due and to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-2623. To the extent an extension of time not otherwise accounted for is required for consideration of the present amendment and response, such an extension is hereby requested the fee for which may be charged to Deposit Account No. 08-2623.

Respectfully submitted,



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